



August 29, 2011

**EX PARTE**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket No. 03-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, August 25, 2011, Maggie McCready (Verizon), Mike Lieberman and Joel Lubin (AT&T), Frank Schueneman and Eric Einhorn (Windstream), Peter Copeland and Jeff Lanning (CenturyLink), Todd Becker (Frontier), Jim Stegeman and Mark Guttman (CostQuest) and the undersigned met via conference call with the following FCC representatives: Julie Veach and Diane Holland (Office of General Counsel), Patrick Halley (Wireline Competition Bureau) and Steve Rosenberg (Office of Strategic Planning).

We discussed methods of providing public access to the CostQuest Broadband Analysis Tool (CQBAT) and to large data files that are likely to be generated from the CQBAT model. Because the model and large data files are not readily compatible with the Commission's electronic filing system, we discussed methods of providing web-based access coupled with ex parte filings providing notice of relevant web links to the model and data files. In addition, we discussed potentially providing different levels of public access to the model from generating reports based on existing solution sets via web access to providing access to model source code and the ability to input data and run unique solution sets. We also discussed the importance of appropriate protections for access to the model and large data files including protecting intellectual property in the model.

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Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this filing in each of the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Banks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" and the last name "Banks" clearly legible.

Jonathan Banks

c: Julie Veach  
Diane Holland  
Patrick Halley  
Steve Rosenberg